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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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28/01/2009: Gildas, TU5KG is back to the Southern Indian Ocean on a fishing boat. Between January 28th and March 7th he will be sailing in the Crozet area. There is the possibility he might land on Crozet; watch the clusters. Between March 10th and April 15th he will be sailing in the Kerguelen area and may be active from Port aux Francais on March 7th. A stop at the beginning of March is necessary before the return. When on land he expects to operate as FT5XS from Kerguelen and as FT5WP from Crozet or as maritime mobile. QSL via F4EFI via REF bureau 29 or direct. [F4EFI]

29/01/2009: Bill, KC4USV is operating from McMurdo Base (WAP USA-22, WABA K-09, IOTA AN-011) for the entire summer season (January - March). Bob K4MZU has set a sked for Europeans for Sunday January 31st and Sunday February 1st at 1700z and 1800z on 14243.0 kHz. QSL via K1IED. [I1HYW]

30/01/2009: Rachid 3B8FQ, expects to activate St. Brandon Island (AF-015) for almost two weeks from January 30th to February 12th. The callsign will be 3B7FQ. This will primarily be a working trip for maintenance on the meteorological station on St. Brandon, with on-air operations as time allows. Rachid expects the 30, 20 and 17 meter bands to be the most productive, but will try all bands 80-10m, using CW and SSB. On CW, look for Rachid near the bottom of the band, "on the 8's" such as 10.108, 14.008, and 18.078 MHz. He will be using 100W and a G5RV. Plans are to be QRV later in the year as 3B9FQ from Rodriguez Island (AF-017, WLOTA LH-4265) while on holiday, in July. QSL via K5XK (QRZ.com). [K1XN]

31/01/2009: Ghis, ON5NT will be active holiday-style from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between January 31st and February 7th. He will be mostly active during his evening hours on 30 and 40m CW, running 100 Watts. QSL via ON5NT. [F6AJA]

01/02/2009: Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active as FR/OE3GEA from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WLOTA LH-1812) between February 1st and 13th. QRV all bands, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/02/2009: Lars, MM0DWF (DL9LB) will return to Husvik, South Georgia (AN-007) during the month of February, and expects to operate again as VP8DIF during his limited spare time. He will have a new soundcard interface, so he might try some RTTY, "but no promises". QSL via DJ9ZB, direct or bureau. Further information, including log search, can be found at: www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/index.html [425 DX News]

03/02/2009: Sigi, DL7DF and his XYL Sabine will be on holiday in Zanzibar (AF-032, also count for WLOTA LH-1080) from February 3-13th. QRV as 5H1DF on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV as often as possible. Equipment consists of a transceiver, a linear TY900, a 18m Lowband Vertical, a Vertical R7 as well as a laptop computer. The QSL-Route is via DL7DF either direct (Sigi Presch, Wilhelmsmuehlenweg 123, D-12621 Berlin, Germany) or via the German DARC QSL bureau to DL7DF. Further information at: www.dl7df.com/5h/index.html [NG3K & DL7DF]

04/02/2009: The "Buddies in the Caribbean" DX group which specializes in 100 watt or low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna system is off again to a new DXpedition site February 4-11th. This time the group will be operating at different times from BOTH the French (WLOTA LH-0383) and Dutch side of St. Martin Island FS/PJ7 (NA-105). Various modes including phone, RTTY, and CW will be on the air, along with "golf cart mobile", or "bicycle mobile" operations and other unique operational situations. Each of the operators has extensive

experience operating from "unique" locations or various DXCC entities. The DXpedition headquarters will be at Villa Ait Na Greine on the French side of the island. The heaquarters (villaaitnagreine.com/) is perched on top of a cliff overlooking the Caribbean with excellent take off angles toward North America and Europe. There will be other sites on the island, both on the French and Dutch sides, where operations will occur giving DXers a chance to work two separate DXCC countries. The group's goal will be to work stations from all over the world using Buddipole antennas and other newly-developed Buddipole antenna accessory products. Operators will be using FS/homecall and PJ7/homecall and plans call for contacts to be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, and an on-line log. Those wanting hard copy QSLs should send a S.A.E. and appropriate return postage or an SASE to the homecalls of the operator(s) you've worked. The "Buddies in the Caribbean" blog page will be caribbeanbuddies.blogspot.com/ . The group consists of the following operators: Mike/KC4VG, Guy/N7UN, Weymouth/K8EAB, Paul/KB9AVO, Tom/WW5L, Steve/N0TU, Budd/W3FF and Chris/W6HFP. The group expects to operate dipoles in various configurations, verticals, vertical beams, mini-yagis, and other antennas using only Buddipole parts. [K1XN & The GOLIST]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

08/02/2009: Members of the Algarve S.T.A.R. team, namely Moreira/CT1AHU (PT7ZT), Jose/CT1EHX, Toze/CT1GFK, Goncalo/CT1GPQ, Miguel/CT1IUA and Rui/CT2IHP will be active February 8th (all morning) as CQ1A from Nossa Senhora do Ros?rio Island (DIP AL-19, for the Portuguese Islands Award). If the weather is bad, they will go to Armona Island (AL-04) February 7th, starting 1800 UTC. QRV with 2 stations, 40 and 20m (30 and 17 possible with a 3rd station), using SSB and CW. Further information and on-line log search can be found at: logonline.no.sapo.pt/ [CT1IUA]

11/02/2009: John, K3TEJ will be active from the island of Dominica (NA-101) from February 11-27th, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) and ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) using the callsign J7N. Outside of the contest he will focus on 160m and WARC bands, CW and RTTY. QSL direct to home call. [NG3K]

13/02/2009: Iiario, IV3CGJ will be active from Marie Galante Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-008, WLOTA LH-4241), Guadeloupe, as FB/IV3CGJ/p from February 13-24th. QRV holiday-style on 80-10m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/02/2009: Rene, DL2JRM plans to be active from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) as PA/DL2JRM/p on February 14th and 15th. QRV 80m-10m CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

23/02/2009: Look for Rene, DL2JRM to be active from Kekova Island (AS-115), Turkey, as TA0/DL2JRM/p from February 23-25th. QRV 40m-10m CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

06/03/2009: A team of nine ZL operators will be activating Chatham Island (OC-038) from March 6-11th. The team leaders are Lee/ZL2AL and Morrie/ZL2AAA, The rest of the team will be Lee/ZL2LE, John/ZL1BYZ, Mike/ZL2CC, Phil/ZL2RVW, Mark/ZL3AB, Wayne/ZL2WG and John/ZL1ALZ. The Pilot will be Duncan ZL3JT in Christchurch zl3jt at paradise.net.nz . The team will be hosted at the Chatham Fishing Lodge in the fishing village of Kaiangaroa on the north eastern tip of the Chatham Islands. The ICOM four station setup with amplifiers will operate 160-10m with CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK modes. Wire loops will be used on 80m and 40m, a vertical on 30m and Yagis on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10m. We also will try 160m alternating with the 80m station from time to time. Frequencies will be in the usual SSB and CW DX haunts on each band with SSB split up 5 kHz and CW split up 3 kHz. The callsign will be announced at the beginning of the operation on March 6th. The website will be up and running in a few weeks at: www.zl7t.com/ . Logsearch will be available on the team's return. QSL via bureau or direct to ZL2AL CBA or QRZ.com. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW in approximately 6 months and they will also QSL via the bureau. [ZL2AL]

07/03/2009: Tino/HI3CCP, Andy/VE9DX and Edwin/HI3K will be active as HI3K from the Loma Del Toro contest station (HI3CCP), Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974), during the ARRL DX

SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via KB2MS (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

28/03/2009: Members of Barry Amateur Radio Society from South Wales will going on a expedition to the Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA LH-0449) from March 28th to April 4th. The radio team will be Glyn GW0ANA, Curtis MW0USK, Franz DJ9ZB, Jan DJ8NK, Thomas DJ6OI, Alois DL8RBL, Yasu a JA DX operator, Lois MW3LOI (YL) and their wives and partners. They will be QRV from 160-10m using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. They will also be monitoring 6 meters for any openings. Plans are to use the callsign GT4BRS on CW and SSB, while GT6BRS will be used on RTTY and PSK. Note the GT prefix is a special call for Isle of Man (Remember TT Races on IOM). The group will also be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th), using the callsign GD8K. All QSL cards via Manager GW0ANA BURO or Direct. For Direct cards only 1x I.R.C. or $2. [NG3K]

31/03/2009: Simon, M0VKY will be active from Lanzarote Island (AF-004, DIE S-007, WLOTA LH-0099) as EA8/homecall between March 31st and April 5th. Working conditions will be FT857D 1/2 wave dipole for 20m, 1/2 wave dipole for 40 AND 15 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

09/04/2009: Ben, DO1BEN will be active from Lolland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-015) as OZ/homecall from April 9-17th. QRV on all HF bands, using SSB and somtimes digital modes. Location is 5 meters from the Baltic Sea. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

30/05/2009: Eric, K9GY will be active from the YN2N QTH in Grenada, Nicaragua, probably as YN2/K9GY, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

01/06/2009: Operators Mark/NA6M, Renee'/N5RNA, Craig/W5TSN, Scott/K2CK and Pete/K9OWQ will be active from New Providence [Nassau] (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115) as C6AMS from June 1-14th. QRV 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via NA6M, direct only. Further information can be found at: www.c6ams.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

24/10/2009: Luigi, IK8HCG will be active as IG9R from Lampedusa Island (AF-019, IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126, WLOTA LH-2312), African Italy, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

31/01/2009: On 31 January and 1 February Ted Moore, G7AIR will be operating a special event station on behalf of The Eddystone User Group at the site of the Point of Ayre Lighthouse (BARLS A5122X, ARLHS IOM-013) on the Isle of Man (EU-116). The callsigns used will GT3EUG on 80m, GT7EUG on 40m and GD7AIR on 160m. Special QSLs will be issued for each band and call. For further info check out Eddystone User Group website www.eddystoneusergroup.org.uk/. [GB2RS]

01/02/2009: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during February 2009 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Long Sutton, in Lincolnshire, by Mike - G3JKN. (WAB Square = TF42-LCN & IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager) (WAB Square = TM22-ESX & IOTA = EU-005).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc NO LOTW.
ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk for full details.
eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

31/01-01/02 GD7AIR: Point of Ayre BARLS:A5122X, WLOL:IOM-013 QSL Buro
31/01-01/02 GT3EUG: Point of Ayre BARLS:A5122X, WLOL:IOM-013 QSL Buro
31/01-01/02 GT7EUG: Point of Ayre BARLS:A5122X, WLOL:IOM-013 QSL Buro
01/02-13/02 FR/OE3GEA: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL HC (d/b)

03/02-13/02 5H1DF: Zanzibar Island WLOTA:1080 QSL DL7DF (d/b)
04/02-11/02 FS/K8EAB: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/KB9AVO: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/KC4VG: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/N0TU: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/N7UN: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/W3FF: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/W6HFP: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
04/02-11/02 FS/WW5L: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL HC (d)
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U.S. COUNTIES (USA-CA) -

Mike, WA2DWP will be running mobile January 31 and February 1, SSB only, from the following counties - January 31 from NY: Schoharie, Albany, Greene, Ulster, Orange and Rockland. NJ: Bergen, Union, Middlesex, Mercer, Burlington and Glouster. DE: New Castle. MD: Harford, Baltimore, Howard and Montgomery. VA: Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Hanover, Henrico, Sussex and Greensville. February 1 from NC: Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Harnett, Cumberland, Robeson, Columbus and Brunswick. SC: Horry. Send email requests to msaccento at hotmail.com [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated January 26, 2009)
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QSL INFO -

QSLs received Bureau - 7S2E, C98RF, CE0Y/OE2SNL, CN2AW, CS6V, DF0CG, ER1DA, ER3GS, HA5DE, HP1XX, FS/DL5CF, LZ129LO, OA4BHY/3, OA4WW, TO5J and ZA1MH (sent IRC/SAE via Z35M - answered by Z32KV).

QSLs received Direct - 3X5A (via G3SXW), 5N/LZ1QK (via LZ1CL), 6V7M (via DH7WW), 6W/DL4JS (via DH7WW), 7X5VRK (via CLUB address), 9V1F1 (via QRZ.com), A5100A (via F9DK), A92GR (via Direct), AH0V (via JI5RPT), ER4DX (via ER1DA), GM4YXI (via N3SL), HC1HC (via NE8Z), HC1JQ (via Direct), HK3JJH/HK0B [NA-133] (via Direct), JD1BLY (via JI5RPT), JX9JKA (via LA9JKA), TL8CK (via F6EWM), TY5MR (via IK1PMR), V26B (via KA2AEV), V51AS (via QRZ.com), VE1AI/1 [NA-063] (via VE1AI), VR2PX (via QRZ.com), XV4BX (via EB7DX) and ZP6/IK1PMR (via IK1PMR).

QSLs received LoTW - E44M, TS7C.
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SILENT KEYS -

Bob Okas, W3CD has been reported silent key on January 25, 2009.
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PRESS RELEASE -

Preserve and Encourage CW Activity in 2009!

New Years 2009 may have come and gone but its never too late to resolve to help preserve and encourage CW activity across our amateur bands. To celebrate the new year, come and join the NAQCC (North American QRP CW Club), a club for any and ALL CW enthusiasts around the world.

Our members include "Big Gun" contesters, hard-core QRPers, experimenters, ragchewers and SWLers; young and old alike. As different as we may be, we all share one thing in common, and that is our love for CW.

We welcome all who want to help support CW and have at least some interest in using QRP from time-to-time. Our club runs monthly sprints and challenges. Plus we sponsor some additional special on-air activities during the year.

Membership is FREE and once you join you're automatically a lifetime member! So sign up today and help us keep CW alive and well.

Visit our web site at http://www.usatek.net/~yoel/. You'll find info on all of our various activities plus an online membership application.

We look forward to your support and hope to soon see your call added to our membership roster.

73,
Paul/KD2MX
NAQCC Membership Recruiter

On behalf of:
Tom, WY3H - NAQCC President
John, K3WWP - NAQCC Vice President
Larry, W2LJ - NAQCC Asst. Publicity Director
Dave, VA3RJ/VE3JDR - NAQCC Publicity Officer

(Please pass this information along to your club members, news bulletins, favourite reflector and to everyone who would be interested.)
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BITS & PIECES -

To all contesters - ARRL has declared 2009 the Year of the State QSO Party. Details of the rules and certificates are posted on the ARRL web site below.
http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
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